

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **March 27, 2008** @ 4:30
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Signor, Atkins and Lauritsen (Rodriguez and Lennon excused absence)

Staff Present: Captain Bob Lowry, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, Fire Chief Ron Prince, Police Technician Holly Michels, and Secretary Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Lauritsen to approve minutes of **February 28, 2008**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. DANCE PERMIT – Bricks Café– 509 State St.

Present: No one was present to represent Bricks Café

MOTION: Lauritsen to move to continue this hearing until the April 24, 2008 meeting to give Mr. Ronchietto, the owner of Bricks, another opportunity to be present

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote, motion passed

Susie Thompson, a resident at 511½ State St., Tamara Erickson, owner of the Hotel Santa Barbara at 533 State St. and Gene Zannon, a resident at 407 State St. were all present at this meeting and spoke to the Commissioners regarding their opposition to granting this dance permit.

Secretary to the Commission, Barbara Sansone, read letters to the Commissioners from Susie Thompson and Ed Holdren. Ed Holdren is the owner of Holdren's, which is located at 512 State. Tamara Erickson also submitted a letter to be distributed to the Commissioners. Susie Thompson's

letter stated that one of the conditions of Brick's ABC license was that they have "no amplified music." The Commissioners have requested that they have the ABC conditions available to them when a club is applying for a dance permit.

Ms. Erickson, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Zannon protested the Commissioners decision to continue the dance permit for Brick's to the April Agenda.

Permits Technician, Holly Michels will have a book/binder available in the Annex for the public to review if they wish to see the conditions listed on any particular dance permit. Captain Lowry also restated to the Commissioners that clubs violations will be given to them on a quarterly basis.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Points of Discussion:

- Chief Prince introduced new Deputy Fire Chief Don Levasheff, a 30 year veteran with the department; DC Levasheff will replace current Deputy Chief Mitch Vaughn upon his retirement and until then will be "shadowing" DC Vaughn
- Dean Sylvies has been promoted to Battalion Chief to replace John Ahlman upon his retirement
- Bid opening for remodel came in two million dollars under expectations; bid came in at four million dollars; will come before Council on 4/22/08 to get the bid awarded; Construction to begin in late May or early Jun
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- Personnel have taken over 927 Chapala St. property to be used as a staging/storage area
- OES Division submitted an Emergency Operations Plan to the State and was approved; will be taking to Council for approval in approximately 3 weeks; First time it has been updated since 1995
- Participate with Montecito Fire District in an Evacuation Drill on April 26th; 1000 residences to be evacuated

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Points of Discussion:

- 6 Cadets in the Academy to graduate June 27th
- Gangs continue to be highest priority; Meetings taking place with City schools, Probation and non-profits on addressing the gang issue. This is being headed by Don Olsen from the City Administrator's Office; next meeting as at Franklin Center on April 7th from 8:00-10:00; Commissioners are invited to attend and be part of the audience
- Budget Priorities reestablished for fiscal year coming up; \$500,000 reduction needed; Parking cites for street sweeping was going to Public Works; there is now extra money now in that account. It has been worked out that the department can take a portion of that money for operating costs; Delaying computer replacements, delaying vehicle replacements for 6 months are some of the things being done to help with this cost reduction. Police personnel and Dispatch will not be affected.

11. ADJOURN: 5:40